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SUMMARY: AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. MISSION, SVN
PERMREP SENT FOLLOWING NOTE TO WMO SECRETARIAT PROTEST-
ING CIRCULATION OF NAME OF PRG ON WMO POSTAL BALLOT
AND REQUESTING ITS DELETION. A PARALLEL DEMARCHE
BY U.S. AT THIS TIME WOULD EMPHASIZE OUR DOUBTS AS
TO THE PROPRIETY OF ACTION TAKEN BY WMO SECRETARIAT.
END SUMMARY.

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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO THE INTERNA-

TIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION AND, WITH REFERENCE TO ITS NOTE NO. S/CG. VII DATED DECEMBER 23, 1974, AND FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AND MR. DO HUU LONG, COUNSELLOR OF THIS MISSION ON DECEMBER 30, 1974, HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM:

1. BY LISTING THE VIETCONG, REFERRED TO AS "THE PRG OF SOUTH VIETNAM", ON THE BALLOT AMONG OTHER SEVEN COUNTRIES, THE SECRETARIAT HAS GONE BEYOND ITS MANDATE IN QUALIFYING AS "COUNTRY" A GROUP OF REBELS THAT IS SERVING AS A COVER TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE, MEMBER OF THE WMO SINCE 1955.

2. THE SECRETARIAT'S ACTION IS CONTRARY TO THE DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WHERE ONLY AUTHENTIC MOVEMENTS OF LIBERATION RECOGNIZED BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED AS OBSERVERS. THE VC WHO CLAIMED TO BE A LIBERATION MOVEMENT WAS EXCLUDED FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. IT IS UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED THAT AN AUTHENTIC LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS A MOVEMENT THAT IS FIGHTING FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE AGAINST COLONIAL AND FOREIGN DOMINATION. THE MOTIVES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE VIETCONG AND DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO THAT UNITED NATIONS DEFINITION. THE VIETCONG IS ONLY A TOOL AND A COVER FOR FOREIGN COMMUNIST EXPANSIONISM WHICH AIMS AT OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE, IN ORDER TO IMPOSE ON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE A FORM OF IMPERIALIST DOMINATION. NO FREE COUNTRY IS UNDER ANY DELUSIONS AS TO THE REAL NATURE OF THE VC OR CONSIDERED IT AS A REVOLUTIONARY OR LIBERATION MOVEMENT. NO ASIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION HAS EVER RECOGNIZED IT AS A LIBERATION MOVEMENT OR AS A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

3. THE VIETCONG IS A GROUP OF COMMUNIST REBELS CREATED AND CONTROLLED BY HANOI TO PROVIDE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST REGIME WITH A SEPARATE ENTITY AND TO ACT AS THEIR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOUHPICE TO COVER UP HER AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE VIETCONG THUS CAN NOT BE QUALIFIED AS GOVERNMENT-SHOULD IT PROVISIONAL-AND MUCH LESS AS A COUNTRY. THEY HAVE VIRTUALLY NO POPULATION UNDER THEIR CONTROL, NO LAND, NO GOVERNMENT APPARATUS. THE AREAS CLAIMED BY HANOI TO BE THE VC TERRITORY ARE AREAS ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY INCREASING NUMBER OF NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TROOPS WHICH ARE REACHING TODAY 570,000 MEN. THESE AREAS CONSIST MAINLY OF STRIPS OF LARGELY UNINHABITED, THICK JUNGLES

AND INACCESSIBLE SWAMPS SITUATED NEAR THE BORDERS OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA AND NEAR THE DEMARCATION LINE WITH NORTH VIETNAM.

4. HANIO'S OVERRIDING TACTICAL PREOCCUPATION HAS BEEN THE CONCEALMENT AND THE COMOUFLAGE OF THEIR TROOPS MOVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS WHICH ARE USED AS INFILTRATION TRAILS AND ROUTES, STAGING AND STATIONING AREAS BY THE ARMY OF AGGRESSORS TO LAUNCH AND INTENSITY THEIR DESTRUCTIVE AND GENOCIDE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE POPULATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

5. THE LISTING BY THE SECRETARIAT, OF THE SO-CALLED "PRG" ON THE PALLOT DOES NOT THEREFORE MEET THE TWO ESSENTIAL CRITERIA SET FORTH IN REGULATION 18 OF THE WMO GENERAL REGULATIONS WHICH STIPULATES" (BEGIN UNDERLINE) "COUNTRIES" (END UNDERLINE) WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND (BEGIN UNDERLINE) WHICH POSSESS METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES (END UNDERLINE) MAY, SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, BE INVITED TO SENT OBSERVERS TO THE MEETINGS OF CONGRESS AND APPROPRIATE REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS."

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6. CONSIDERING ITS TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITES, THE WMO

SECRETARIAT CANNOT CONSTITUTE IT AS A REALITY BY THE MERE FACT THAT IT RECEIVED A VIETCONG REPLY POSTED FROM HANOI OR FROM PARIS CLAIMING THAT THE "PRG" POSSESS THE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES.

IN ITS EVERYDAY MONITORING, THE WMO SECRETARIAT SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM NETWORK OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES ARE THE SOLE OPERATING IN THE REGION AND WHOSE MESSAGES WERE REGULARLY INTERCEPTED AND REGISTERED IN THE WMO BULLETINS UP TO THIS DATE. FURTHERMORE, THE MANILA CONFERENCE (1949) HAS ENTRUSTED THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN SIGNALING TROPICAL HURRICANES FOR AN AREA COVERING A GREAT PART OF THE CHINA SEA. (SOURCE: WMO BULLETIN, JULY 1955, WHEREWITH ENCLOSED FOR READY REFERENCE). ON THE OPERATIONAL FIELD, SINCE 1954 UP TO DATE, ALL INTERNATIONAL AIR FLIGHTS CROSSING THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AIR SPACE SOUTH OF THE 17TH PARALLEL AND ALL MERCHANT SHIPS SAILING THE CHINA SEA ALONG THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S COAST ALWAYS CALL ON THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY INFORMATION ON WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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7. THE PROPOSED INVITATION OF THE VC, AS SUGGESTED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT AND SPONSOR THE HANOI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AS THE VC IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER REGULATION 18.

8. CONSIDERING THE ABOVE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO BRING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WMO ITS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE WMO SHOULD NOT LEND ITS NAME AND TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO INDULGE IN UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTION THAT COULD BE POLITICALLY EXPLOITED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSORS AS A DE FACTO RECOGNITION OF THEIR ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S TERRITORIES AND THEREBY IMPLICITLY ENCOURAGE THE AGGRESSORS TO PERSIST IN VIOLATION THE PARIS AGREEMENT, TO ENGAGE IN FURTHER LAND GRABBING AND TO STEP UP THEIR KILLING OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIZENS.

B. PENDING REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM, THE BORDERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE GENEVA AGREEMENT OF 1954 AS STRETCHING FROM THE 17TH PARALLEL TO THE CA MAU PENINSULA. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ENCOMPASSES THE INTEGRITY OF LAND, AIR SPACE AND TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM TERRITORY.

C. WITHIN THAT TERRITORY ARE AREAS ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TROOPS. BUT THIS TEMPORARY MILITARY STATIONING DOES NOT CONFER SOVEREIGNTY TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE

AGRESSORS, EVEN IF THEY DUPLICATE THEMSELVES UNDER THE NAME OF "PRG", TO PROVIDE THE FACADE OF A SEPARATE INDEPENDENT ENTITY TO COVER UP THEIR AGGRESSION.

D. ACCORDING TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ALL FOREIGN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OCCUPY ANY TERRITORY. TWO YEARS AFTER THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IS ILLEGAL.

E. ACCORDING TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT (CHAPTER IV), THE COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM I.E. THE VIETCONG SHOULD JOIN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO ELECT ONE GOVERNMENT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAS NOT SET UP AND IT IS NOT WITHIN ITS POWER TO SET UP THE "PRG" OR ANY ENTITY OTHER THAN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS A LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAS NOT EITHER CHANGED AND IT IS NOT WITHIN ITS POWER TO CHANGE THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE WMO'S REFERENCE TO THE SO-CALLED "PRG" CONSTITUTES THEREFORE A SERIOUS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND A SEVERE ENCROACHMENT ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

8. THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REQUESTS THEREFORE THE SECRETARIAT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION BY DELETING THE SO-CALLED "PRG" FROM THE BALLOT REFERRED TO IN ITS CIRCULAR NOTE OF 23 DECEMBER 1974.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE WMO SECRETARIAT GENERAL THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

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